

**INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES FOR WOMEN VETERANS
PROVIDED THROUGH CERTAIN STATE AGENCY
APPLICATIONS**

CHAPTER 933

S.B. No. 1677

AN ACT

**relating to information about services for women veterans provided through certain
state agency applications.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.212 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.212. APPLICATION FOR STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ASSISTANCE. (a) This section applies to a state agency in the executive branch of state government, including a health and human services agency, that provides to adult women in this state a program, a service, or assistance, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the women's health program, Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and a housing program or service or housing assistance.

(b) A state agency shall include in each application for a program, a service, or assistance provided by the agency to adult women:

(1) a space to indicate whether the applicant is a veteran; and

(2) model language informing the applicant that she may be entitled to additional services because of her veteran status.

(c) The commission shall develop the model language required on an application under Subsection (b)(2). The language must include a link to the veterans website established under Section 434.102 or, for an online application, a hyperlink to that website.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Veterans Commission shall develop the model application language required by Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act, and post that information on the commission's Internet website.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2018, each state agency subject to Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall modify the agency's application for programs, services, or assistance as necessary to implement that section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on May 1, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 2; passed the House on May 23, 2017: Yeas 134, Nays 12, three present not voting.

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**APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE
LICENSE AND THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR**

CHAPTER 934

S.B. No. 1705

AN ACT

**relating to the application for and issuance of a marriage license and the marriage of
a minor.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2.003, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.003. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE BY MINOR. (a) *A person under 18 years of age may not marry unless the person has been granted by this state or another state a court order removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes.*

(b) In addition to the other requirements provided by this chapter, a person under 18 years of age applying for a license must provide to the county clerk:

(1) ~~[documents establishing, as provided by Section 2.102, parental consent for the person to the marriage;~~

~~[(2) documents establishing that a prior marriage of the person has been dissolved; or~~

~~[(3)] a court order granted by this state under Chapter 31 removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes; or~~

~~(2) if the person is a nonresident minor, a certified copy of an order removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes filed with this state under Section 31.007 [Section 2.103 authorizing the marriage of the person].~~

SECTION 2. Sections 2.006(a) and (b), Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) If an applicant *who is 18 years of age or older* is unable to appear personally before the county clerk to apply for a marriage license, any adult person or the other applicant may apply on behalf of the absent applicant.

(b) The person applying on behalf of an absent applicant shall provide to the clerk:

(1) notwithstanding Section 132.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, the notarized affidavit of the absent applicant as provided by this subchapter; *and*

(2) proof of the identity and age of the absent applicant under Section 2.005(b); ~~and~~

~~[(3) if required because the absent applicant is a person under 18 years of age, documents establishing that a prior marriage has been dissolved, a court order authorizing the marriage of the absent, underage applicant, or documents establishing consent by a parent or a person who has legal authority to consent to the marriage, including:~~

~~[(A) proof of identity of the parent or person with legal authority to consent to the marriage under Section 2.005(b); and~~

~~[(B) proof that the parent or person has the legal authority to consent to the marriage for the applicant under rules adopted under Section 2.102(j)].~~

SECTION 3. Section 2.009(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (d), the county clerk may not issue a license if either applicant:

(1) fails to provide the information required by this subchapter;

(2) fails to submit proof of age and identity;

(3) ~~[is under 16 years of age and has not been granted a court order as provided by Section 2.103;~~

~~[(4)] is [16 years of age or older but] under 18 years of age and has not presented [at least one of the following]:~~

~~(A) [parental consent as provided by Section 2.102;~~

~~[(B) documents establishing that a prior marriage of the applicant has been dissolved; or~~

~~[(C)] a court order granted by this state under Chapter 31 removing the disabilities of minority of the applicant for general purposes; or~~

~~(B) if the applicant is a nonresident minor, a certified copy of an order removing the disabilities of minority of the applicant for general purposes filed with this state under Section 31.007 [as provided by Section 2.103];~~

(4) [(5)] checks "false" in response to a statement in the application, except as provided by Subsection (b) or (d), or fails to make a required declaration in an affidavit required of an absent applicant; or

(5) [(6)] indicates that the applicant has been divorced within the last 30 days, unless:

(A) the applicants were divorced from each other; or

(B) the prohibition against remarriage is waived as provided by Section 6.802.

SECTION 4. Section 2.101, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.101. GENERAL AGE REQUIREMENT. A ~~[Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter or on a showing that a prior marriage has been dissolved, a]~~ county clerk may not issue a marriage license if either applicant is under 18 years of age, *unless each underage applicant shows that the applicant has been granted by this state or another state a court order removing the disabilities of minority of the applicant for general purposes.*

SECTION 5. Section 6.205, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.205. MARRIAGE TO MINOR. A marriage is void if either party to the marriage is younger than 18 ~~[16]~~ years of age, unless a court order *removing the disabilities of minority of the party for general purposes* has been obtained *in this state or in another state* ~~[under Section 2.103]~~.

SECTION 6. Sections 2.102 and 2.103, Family Code, are repealed.

SECTION 7. (a) Sections 2.003, 2.006, 2.009, and 2.101, Family Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to an application for a marriage license filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) Section 6.205, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a marriage entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A marriage entered into before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the marriage was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMPLETE RESTORATION OF A WARD'S CAPACITY OR MODIFICATION OF A GUARDIANSHIP

CHAPTER 935

S.B. No. 1710

AN ACT

relating to applications for the complete restoration of a ward's capacity or modification of a guardianship.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1202.051, Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1202.051. APPLICATION AUTHORIZED. (a) *Notwithstanding Section 1055.003, a* [A] ward or any person interested in the ward's welfare may file a written application with the court for an order: